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Letter dated 15 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to communicate to you herewith the official statement issued by the State of Kuwait on the incident involving the murder of Mr. Salah Khalaf and Mr. Hayil Abd al-Hamid, members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 23, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement by an official Kuwaiti spokesman concerning the murder of Mr. Salah Khalaf and Mr. Hayil Abd al-Hamid on 14 January 1991

Kuwait condemns in the strongest terms the assassination of Mr. Salah Khalaf and Mr. Hayil Abd al-Hamid, two of the leaders of the Palestinian Fatah movement. There fell victim to this criminal act two Palestinian leaders of the Fatah movement, which arose, flourished and undertook its first activities inside Kuwait in the 1960s, and Kuwait affirms that it is yet another indication of the endeavour of the enemies of the Arab nation and those who harbour feelings of hatred against it to extinguish the torch of the Palestinian struggle.

Such criminal acts will never succeed in stifling the voice of the Palestinian people or destroying its aspirations for freedom, justice and the right to self-determination. At a time when its people has been undergoing the bitter experience of occupation for more than five months, ever since Iraq's invasion of their homeland and their expulsion therefrom, Kuwait nevertheless affirms, despite this bitter ordeal, its full and absolute commitment to supporting its brothers in the occupied Palestinian territories with all its power.

Kuwait, through its Amir, its Government and its people, offers its most heartfelt condolences to the families of Mr. Khalaf and Mr. Abd al-Hamid.